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Applicant : Stefan TRUBE, et al.  
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Customer No. : 23911  
Title : Shielding Gas and Arc-Welding Method

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.